

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 1/5/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Darci Hafley 805-788-2156 Amy Olson 805-781-4719	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an eighteen-month renewal contract with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education in an amount not to exceed \$246,411 to provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the school district's special education classes. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a renewal contract for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education in an amount not to exceed \$246,411 to provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the school district's special education classes.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal, School Districts, SELPA	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$246,411.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$246,411.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 10/6/2015 Item 14	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, L.M.F.T., Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 1/5/2016

SUBJECT: Request to approve an eighteen-month renewal contract with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education in an amount not to exceed \$246,411 to provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the school district's special education classes. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a renewal contract for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (COE) in an amount not to exceed \$246,411 to provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the school district's special education classes.

DISCUSSION

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education. Responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services is designated to local school districts via their local [Special Education Local Planning Areas \(SELPA\)](#), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children.

The County Office of Education (COE) has requested that the County continue to provide educationally related mental health services for their special education. San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department Therapists work alongside [Family Care Network \(FCNI\)](#) Rehabilitation Specialists and school staff to address and coordinate services for each student as specified in the student's [Individualized Education Plan \(IEP\)](#). Staff from County Behavioral Health and Family Care Network will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management and consultation services, and crisis intervention.

The Department prefers to submit the renewal contracts as a single Board action and as result must wait until each district follows its own internal approval process, which can delay the process from the start of the fiscal year. This year, due to multiple staffing changes at COE, the COE contracts were further delayed and not part of the larger group of contracts approved by the Board on [October 6th, 2015](#). Because of the delay, COE agreed to extend the contract an additional six months in order to reduce the County's administrative burden of submitting the item separately.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP. When the County provides educationally related mental health services, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, EPSDT, and other Special Education funding are submitted for

reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any unreimbursed cost associated with the service.

RESULTS

The services provided by Behavioral Health facilitate the ability of special education students to meet their IEP goals, which are unique to each student and tracked and held confidential by the schools. The County added the following other outcomes to the contracts although they were not required by the schools. Fifteen students were provided services in FY 2014-15.

% of children will remain in current home environment			% of children avoiding inpatient hospitalization			% of children will show an improvement in Behavioral and Emotional needs*	
2014/15 Target	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Target	2014/15 Target	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Target	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Target
95%	93% (14 of 15)	95%	100%	93% (14 of 15)	100%	New Measure	80%

*Behavioral and Emotional Needs are measured by the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength standardized instrument. Behavioral Health is newly implementing it for FY 2015-16.

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving the most appropriate education. The educationally related mental health services provided under these contracts with the School Districts are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and community

ATTACHMENTS

1. County Office of Education Mental Health Services Contract